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REMARKS

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1. On 29 June 1953, the quarters of Unit Boshkov (fnu) in Olympisches Dorf, Doeberitz, were occupied by a guard detail only. It was said that the troops would return in early September. Only a guard detail was also stationed at the Loewen and Adler Kaserne. A group of 2 officers and 34 RM wearing red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in aiming practice with rifles on the drill ground north of the former NSKK Kaserne. Finance Officer Berezin (fnu) returned from leave. Beginning 30 June, a bus service with 30 vehicles of the VEB Kraftverkehr Lichtenberg was organized to transport about 3,000 persons from the Falkensee railroad station to East Berlin. Beginning at 5 a.m. on 1 July, nobody, but individuals with a permanent pass issued only to people working in West Berlin were allowed to cross the sector boundary on Heerstrasse.<sup>1</sup>

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3. Between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 9 June, soldiers with machine guns and carbines

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25X1 did firing practice with live ammunition from positions just west of Kluckers Fenn toward south-southwest. A dummy village with a church and a windmill was erected in the terrain west of Umschwung Fenn. At 8:30 a.m. on 11 June, six JS-tanks and soldiers were seen south of Dragoner Wald (south of Highway No 103). Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., individual gun reports were heard from the direction of Alter Muehlenberg. Shells were observed bursting on Schwarzes Fenn. During the period of firing practice, two sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia respectively stood at the intersection about 200 meters east of Schlossbruecke. Afterwards, truck [ ] hauled the soldiers toward Dellgow. A group of 6 to 8 FM with a 75.2-mm field gun was also engaged in firing with live ammunition from the road fork about 300 meters west of Schlosspark toward north-west. Between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 15 June, gun fire with live ammunition was observed from the direction of Alter Muehlenberg to Schwarzes Fenn. At 8:30 a.m. on 16 June, two trucks [ ] and about 40 officers, highest rank captain, were seen on the road from Dorf Doeberitz to Staaken about 500 meters north of Ziegel Fenn. The officers fell in and were reported to a lieutenant colonel coming from the direction of Dorf Doeberitz [ ]. Between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on 24 June, two tanks standing near Hasenheiden Berg fired with blank cartridges, while firing with rapid-fire rifles was practiced at the three target ranges west of the road from Dellgow to Doeberitz.<sup>2</sup>

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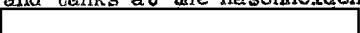
- 25X1 1. [ ] Comment. There is no change in the occupation of Olympisches Dorf. On 29 June 1953, the Adler and Loewen Kaserne was still slightly occupied, while the same status was reported [ ] on the 25X1 other barracks installations in Doeberitz prior to 26 June.
- Up to 30 June 1953, components of the 1st Mecz Div were still confirmed in their operational areas in East Berlin.
  - The mortars and rocket launchers observed at Altes Lager probably belonged to the 294th Mort Regt (US) and 41st RL Bn (US) which are believed to be stationed there. [ ] is reported for the first time.
- 25X1 2. [ ] Comment. The observations of increased training activities at the Doeberitz troop training grounds until the beginning of riots in East Germany confirm the reports [ ] indicating that, on and 25X1 after early June 1953, components of the 1st Mecz Div transferred from the barracks installations to summer camps at the troop training grounds for field exercises. [ ]
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- 25X1 3.  Comment. The billeting of a course of the GOFG officers' school  
25X1 from Potsdam and tanks at the Hasenheiden Berg cantonment was previous-  
ly reported.  Probably no courses were held  
between 9 and 19 June 1953.

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